

*In Loving Memory
of
Ella Mae Gordon*



*Entered This Life
September 16, 1929*

*Departed This Life
October 4, 2009*

Services Held

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009
11:00 A.M.*

at

*Victorious Living Ministries
255 16th Street
Richmond, California*

Pastor K. R. Woods, Officiant & Eulogist



In Celebration

Her Story...

Ella was the first child of Espinola and Willie Patterson, born September 16, 1929 in Kentucky Town, Texas. She grew up in a loving and religious home headed by her father and grandmother. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age in Texas.

The family was known to be close knit and valued education. Ella excelled in her studies. She was a precocious child, who had an unsurpassed zeal for reading and political science. She was a disciplined student who used her kind nature and engaging personality to make friends.



In 1944 Ella married Leondus Gordon in Texas and the beautiful family legacy began. Leondus was a dedicated hard working man who moved the family to California. Ella tenaciously embraced the relocation and completed her secondary education while they raised their growing family in the bay area. Her passion was helping others. She had a wonderful warm engaging spirit. But most of all she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Ella was a graduate of Golden Gate University, Diablo Valley College and the Perrin Field School of Nursing. She worked on the Presidential Campaign and served as a Democratic Delegate for former President Bill Clinton. She attended two inaugural balls at the White House. She was elected 'Woman of the Year' in Contra Costa County. She was an elected member of the El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council and served as Council member 1995 thru 2001. Ella worked closely on many campaigns for Retired State Senator Dan Boatwright, Retired Senator Nick Petris, Retired Assemblyman Robert Campbell, Supervisor John Gioia, Retired Mayor George Livingston, Councilman Nat Bates, Former City Councilman Richard Griffin, Dr. Lloyd Farr, Contra Costa College Board of Education and Charles Ramsey WCCUSD School Board.

Throughout her career, Ella successfully exceeded many racial barriers. She served as a Contra Costa County Community Arbitrator and was a court appointed Child Advocate for the Juvenile Court System. She was the first African American Juvenile Hall Counselor in Contra Costa County. She was a dedicated participant in many programs for children, families in need and the community.

The church was an important integral part of her life and was a vehicle for many of her efforts to help someone in need. She was an active and working member of St Luke Missionary Baptist Church for over 30 years until she became too ill. Ella was a faithful member of The Order of Eastern Star, Bethlehem Chapter #5.

She is survived by her six children: James Gordon, Charles Gordon (Moir), Wilma Gordon, Deborah Gordon-Williams (Leonard), Leondus Gordon, Jr, and Michael Anderson (Julieann); thirteen grand children and one great-grand child; her sisters, Connie Craven White and Eola Allen, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, political allies and a multitude of loving friends. She will be missed by all.



The Order of Services
for
Ella Mae Gordon

PRELUDE & PROCESSIONAL *Clergy & The Family*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2* *Pastor Charles Dickerson*
Pearly Grove Baptist Church; Fresno, CA

New Testament *Revelations 21:4* *Reverend Curtis O. Robinson*
St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

PRAYER *Pastor B. J. Robinson*
Calvary Christian Center

MUSICAL SELECTION *"Never Grow Old"* *Lenny Williams*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CARDS & CONDOLENCES *Andrea Sloan-Woods*

OBITUARY *Read Silently*

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS *Nat Bates, City Councilman*
Gisele Holman

SOLO *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"* *Ruby Clark*

EXPRESSIONS *(2 Minutes each please)* *Janice Williams*
Dee Dearman, David McDuffy, & Stalfana Bello

EULOGY & CLOSING PRAYER *Pastor K. R. Woods*

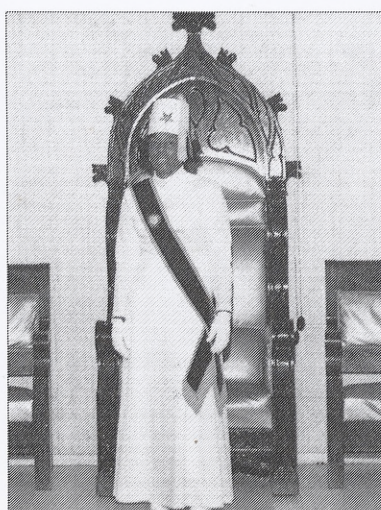
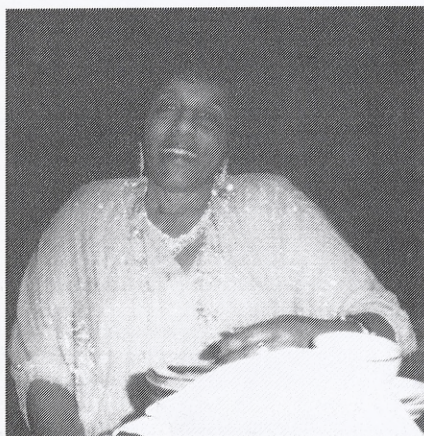
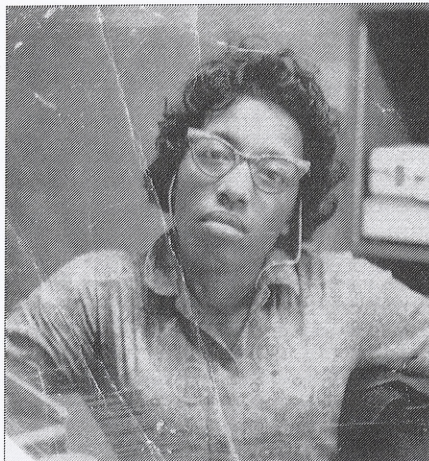
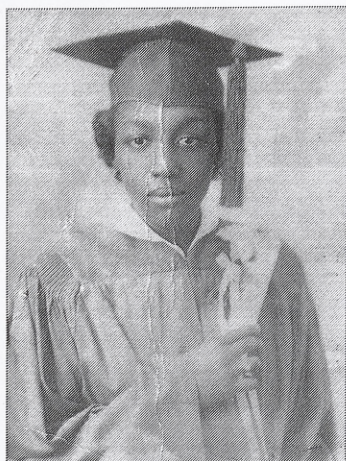
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RECESSIONAL *Interment to Follow*

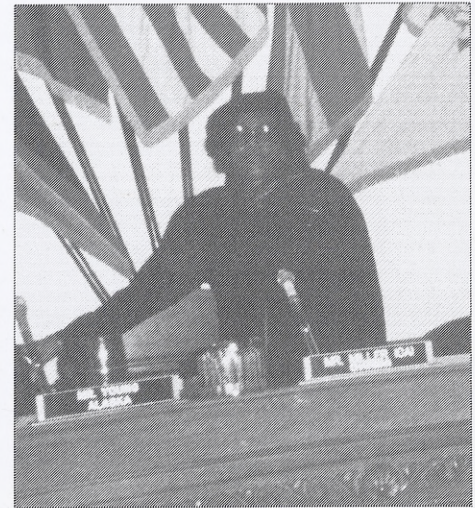
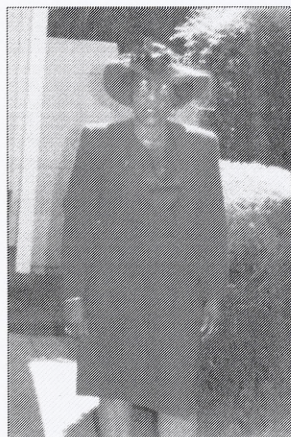
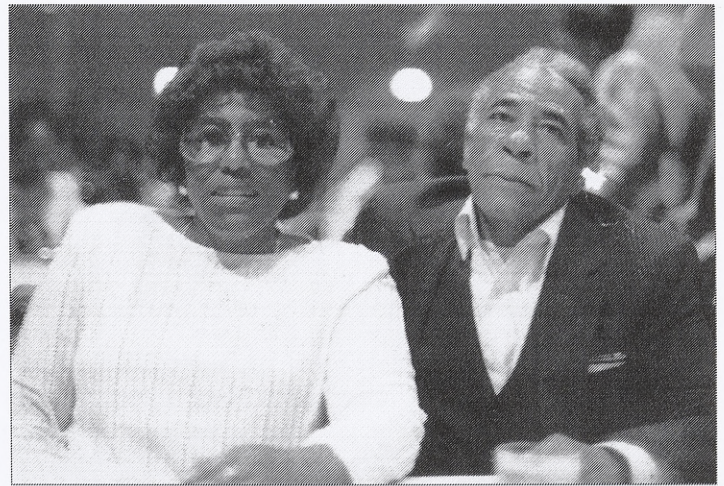


The public is invited to join the family in the final rites of the Interment at
Rolling Hills Memorial Park; 4100 Hilltop Drive; Richmond, CA

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County Central Committee

Certificate of Election and Oath of Office

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Contra Costa

} ss.

I, Stephen L. Weir, County Clerk of the
County of Contra Costa in the State of California,

do hereby certify, that at the District Primary Election held in this County on the
26th day of March, 1996,

Ella Gordon was elected to the office of
MEMBER OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 1st Supervisorial District,
in this county, for the Democratic Party,

as appears by the official record of the result of said election, on file in my office. Term of office is
1996 through 1998.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and official seal

this 14th day of May, 19 96.

Stephen L. Weir, County Clerk

By [Signature], Deputy

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of Contra Costa

} ss.

I, Ella Gordon, do solemnly swear (or affirm)
that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of
California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the
Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this
obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and
faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

MEMBER OF THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

[Signature]
(CANDIDATE SIGNATURE)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of May, 19 96.

[Signature]
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH)

County Clerk

(TITLE)

1998 CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S AWARD HONORING

Ella Gordon

The El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council (ESMAC) was established in February of 1995 to provide liaison between the citizens of El Sobrante and the Board of Supervisors, the cities, and other government agencies; and

Members of the MAC have volunteered many hours in providing information to the community, and communicating concerns on a variety of issues and;

El Sobrante MAC has empowered a community that had believed itself voiceless, on many issues including transportation, solid waste, land use planning, law enforcement, and code enforcement; and

Through the MAC leadership, sub committees were created for action on Transportation, Solid Waste, Crime Prevention and Traffic; and

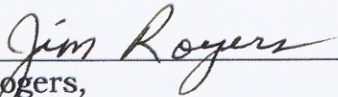
The MAC, working with the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce, El Sobrante Planning and Zoning Committee, May Valley Neighborhood Council, and neighborhood groups has successfully influenced government decisions for the benefit of the community; and

The MAC has assisted local residents to provide input into the re-writing of the San Pablo Dam Road Corridor Action Plan, and has joined with other groups to obtain funding for the San Pablo Dam Road area planning effort; and

Provided leadership for its Ad Hoc subcommittee on Garbage to exert influence on the decisions made on solid waste issues by the West County Integrated Management Authority as well as the Board of Supervisors; and

El Sobrante MAC through its subcommittee on Crime Prevention was successful in encouraging the opening of a Sheriff's Annex; and

All members of the MAC have worked diligently and have devoted many volunteer hours on behalf of their community and deserve the highest praise and appreciation for these efforts.


Jim Rogers,
Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County



Active Pallbearers

Ronald Allen

Johnny Brown

Charles Jackson

Michael Anderson, Jr.

Brandon Gordon

Eric Jordon

Samuel Bernstein III

Brian Gordon

Interment



Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California



Honorary Pallbearers

Charles Gordon

Michael Anderson, Sr.

Harvey Stinson

James Gordon

Billie Johnson

Raymond Gordon

Leondus Gordon, Jr.

Wayne Gordon

Leonard "Lenny" Williams



The Family's Heartfelt Appreciation

There are so many of you who have touched us and brought us comfort during this time of sorrow and reflection. It is impossible to name you all.

Let us simply say, "Thank You" for every card or dish of food, for whatever you said, and for whatever you did. But most of all, thank you for every prayer and for the love you showed us.

~ The Gordon Family ~

A Very Special Thanks You to:

*Pastor K. R. Woods, Bishop Dickerson, Victorious Living Ministries, Savannah Bello,
Councilman Nat Bates, Pathway Hospice, Gisele and Bruce Holman, Jan Williams,
and Sister Ruby Clark.*

Arrangements Entrusted To The Professional Care Of:
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